

ELECTRIC INSTITUTE ELECTS ALLEN KING

Allen S. King, Minneapolis power company executive, is the new president of the Edison Electric Institute, which has a membership representing 97 per cent of the US private utilities.

He was named yesterday afternoon by the EEI board to succeed J. E. Corette, Butte, Mont., and will take office in June.

The institute's three-day convention, held at the Roosevelt hotel, ended yesterday.

King is president of Northern States Power Company. Newly elected vice-president was Sherman K. Knapp, Berlin, Conn., president of Connecticut Light & Power Co.

Re-elect Three

Re-elected as permanent institute officers were Edwin Vennard, vice-president and managing director; H. S. Sutton, treasurer, and A. B. Morgan, vice-president and assistant managing director. All are of New York city.

Convention highlight yesterday was an address by Allen W. Dulles, director of the US Central Intelligence Agency. Dulles said he believes the US has a better military posture than Russia.

And he added emphatically he doesn't think Kremlin leaders want deliberately to provoke a war with the West.

Dulles warned against complacency, however, declaring as long as Communist principles motivate the regimes in Moscow and Peiping "their single purpose will be the liquidation" of free societies.

The CIA chief, brother to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, described Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev as a man convinced that commu-

nism can win the world mainly by nonmilitary means.

Economic Threat

Questioned on this score prior to his address, Dulles said the Soviet threat is more an economic and subversive one, rather than military. He told convention delegates later that Russia has the largest spy network the world has ever seen.

At the press conference, Dulles said the free world need not fear that Russia will inflict a knockout blow with its ICBM's, adding:

"Russia does not want to start a nuclear war."

Another convention highlight was presentation of the institute's new Edison award to the Alabama Power Co., "for exceptional business statesmanship in developing the Coosa and Warrior river systems."

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